

REMARKS

Applicant has supplied herewith a replacement set of drawings as required by the Office Action. Applicant has amended the drawings to show the sectional views A-A and B-B in Figure 1 to be 2-2 and 3-3, respectively. Further, the lead lines for reference numeral 50 have been shortened in Figures 1, 2 and 4 to properly identify the deformable, resiliant partial rings 50 formed in the inner side wall 20 from the upper retention member 45 cut-outs in the resiliant sheet 75 as described on page 5, lines 25-27. The lead lines currently used with reference numeral 50 incorrectly point at the cut-outs rather than the material between them that actually form the partial rings 50.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claim 1 and the indication of allowability of Claims 2-19 if the Section 112 rejection is overcome.

Applicant has amended the specification in the paragraph commencing on page 5, line 25 to provide a proper antecedent basis for the phrase "side retention members projecting" in claim 2 and the phrase "vertical camber shaped projections" in claims 7 and 9. However, applicant notes that the original claims filed with the application are a part of the specification and provide full support for the phrases noted. While the phrasology was added to the detailed description portion of the application, no new matter since claim 2 clearly used the "side retention members projecting" language at issue as an alternative description of the partial rings 50, and those side retention members in claims 7 and 9 were described "vertical camber shaped projections", the second phrase at issue. Claims 2-19 now are believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowance in claims 1-19 is respectively requested.

Applicant has cancelled claims 20-33 but reserves the right to pursue such claims in a divisional application.

Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7739.

Respectfully submitted.
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